

January 3, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 9, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A special meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

| | <u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u> |
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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. <u>Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2000</u> | 2. Approve minutes of December 12, 2000. |
| 3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> | 3. For information. |
| An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. | |

4. Amend the Recommendation of Projects for CMAQ Funding in FY 2006 of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

At its meeting of November 21, 2000, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) heard presentations by the MAG Modal Committees and MAG staff on the CMAQ eligible project requests and as well as their project recommendations. The TRC subsequently voted on a motion to approve the staff recommended project list. On December 7, 2000 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a letter to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) (see Attachment One) which raised concerns about three projects that were recommended for funding.

MAG, ADOT and FHWA staff met on January 2, 2001 to discuss the issues raised in the letter. Based on the information available, FHWA's opinion was that the Tempe pedestrian project is safety-related for which CMAQ funds should not be used. The Paradise Valley pedestrian project air quality score was recalculated and the score would have likely resulted in the project being ranked fairly well. For the Phoenix pedestrian project, the City provided further information concerning the public access to the walkway and ADA compliance. FHWA still thinks that a non-CMAQ funding source, such as STP funds, would be more appropriate for this project. Furthermore, both FHWA and ADOT want to be involved in efforts to improve the CMAQ rating and selection process.

5. Cooperatively Developed MAG/ADOT/RPTA Project Rankings for State Transportation Projects

On October 23, 2000, the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC)

4. For information, discussion and possible action to amend the list of recommended projects for CMAQ funding approved by the TRC at its meeting of November 21, 2000.

5. For information and discussion and possible action.

endorsed an estimate of ADOT discretionary funds for the MAG region for FY 2006, of which approximately \$152 million are available for programming. Additional funds of approximately \$45.75 million in years 2001 through 2005 are also available for programming due to increased Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA) revenue that was allocated to the MAG region by the RAAC.

Following a stakeholders meeting on August 1, 2000 at which ADOT presented a draft list of potential projects. MAG, RPTA and ADOT staff met to prioritize project requests for FY 2001 through 2006 for the available funds, as shown on the attached list. The list includes local project requests on the State highway system, ADOT project proposals and unprogrammed projects adopted by the MAG Regional Council for completion by 2007. Please refer to Attachment Two.

6. HOV Study Presentation

MAG and ADOT have been jointly conducting a study (Value Lane Study) to update the regions's HOV plan and study value lanes. The consultant, Jon Green from the Parsons Transportation Group, will present the recommended HOV plan. This plan recommends adding HOV lanes on the Pima Freeway, the Price Freeway, SR-51, I-10 and I-17 by 2020 and considering adding HOV lanes to all Freeways in the MAG urban area in the long term. Graphics are in Attachment Three that illustrate the current HOV Plan, the proposed long term HOV Plan, and HOV lanes that are proposed to be constructed prior to 2020.

7. Value Lane Study

As mentioned in the above agenda item, MAG and ADOT have been jointly conducting the Value Lane Study to update

6. For information, discussion and recommendation of the Proposed HOV Plan.

7. For information and discussion.

the regions's HOV plan and study value lanes. In this agenda item the consultant, Jon Green from the Parsons Transportation Group, will present findings about value lanes with respect to the MAG area. A fact sheet that describes value lanes is Attachment Four.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.